

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Claims 1-8 and 10-15 are pending in the present application, claims 9 and 16 have been cancelled, and claims 1 and 10 have been amended. No new matter has been added. In view of the above amendments and following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable.

II. THE 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) REJECTIONS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 10-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,006,129 to McClure (hereinafter "McClure") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0003571 to Schofield et al. (hereinafter "Schofield"). (See 05/09/07 Office Action p. 2).

Claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of now cancelled claim 16. Specifically the claim has been amended to recite, "the viewing system further comprising an image processing means arranged to eliminate high lights in the registered image."

In addressing this subject matter when it was recited in claims 16, the examiner asserts that McClure, in column 7, lines 38-44, teaches "the viewing system further comprising an image processing means arranged to eliminate high lights in the registered image." This passage from McClure states, "the camera will be appropriately equipped to adjust its lighting conditions such that an appropriate display may be provided even though another vehicle is close behind with headlights shining into the camera. Technology for this type of lighting adjustments is known, and therefore need not be described herein." However, while McClure does mention that the camera will be equipped to adjust lighting conditions when a vehicle is close behind with headlights, McClure does not say how this will be done. McClure only gives a blanket statement stating that technology for this type of lighting adjustment is known. McClure does not discuss "the image processing means arranged to eliminate high lights in the registered image," as

recited in amended claim 10. Thus, Applicants submit that McClure does not teach or suggest “the viewing system further comprising an image processing means arranged to eliminate high lights in the registered image,” as recited in amended claim 10. Applicants also submit that Schofield does not cure the above-described deficiencies of McClure with respect to claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over the combination of McClure and Schofield. As claims 11-15 depend from, and therefore include all the limitations of claim 10, it is submitted that these claims are also allowable for the same reasons given for claim 10.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McClure in view of Schofield in further view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0214584 to Ross (hereinafter “Ross”). (See 05/09/07 Office Action p. 5).

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of now cancelled claim 9. Specifically the claim has been amended to recite, “the viewing system further comprising an image processing means arranged to eliminate high lights in the registered image.” Applicants submit that Ross does not cure the above-described deficiencies of McClure and Schofield with respect to claim 10. Thus, Applicants submit that his claim is allowable for at least the reasons stated above with respect to claim 10. Because claims 2-9 depend from and, therefore, include all the limitations of claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable for at least the reasons stated above.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

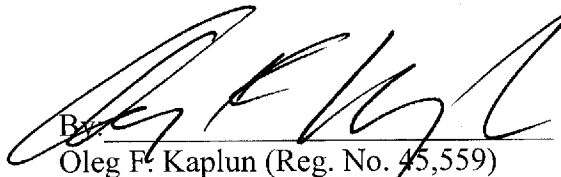
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